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You've got to cut energy costs.
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Texas Agricultural
Technical Assistance Program

Energy Efficiency for the Texas
Agricultural Community

Offered through the State Energy Conservation Office (SECO),
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What is this program?

The Texas Agricultural Technical Assistance Program is a new project overseen by the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts, State Energy Conservation Office (SECO). This program will provide the agricultural producers of Texas with the technical assistance they need to make cost-effective, energy efficient choices. SECO is working with EnSave Inc. to deliver this program to the agriculture and ranching industry.

SECO helps Texas make the most of domestic energy by reducing state and local government energy costs and promoting cost-effective, clean energy technologies. SECO is committed to supporting the American agricultural sector by providing agricultural producers with cost-effective solutions for reducing operating costs while saving energy.

What services are available?

This program will provide free services that will help producers save energy. These services include:

- Technical assistance
- Training
- Assistance in accessing funding to help pay for energy efficient equipment
- Energy Assessment Report (EAR)

The EAR begins with an appointment to record information about the farm, and then provides the producer with a thorough report of what equipment can help save energy, and how long it may take to pay for itself.

To equip producers to take charge of energy costs, the EAR will take these factors into account:

- Electricity usage and cost
- Propane usage and cost
- Diesel usage and cost
- Other fuel usage

When possible, information regarding rebates and other funding will be included. This includes rebates that may be available through the local utility, and grants and loans available through the USDA's Rural Energy for America Program (formerly called the 9006 program).

Who is eligible, and is there more information?

This program is for producers of livestock and/or crops in Texas.
SECO will host informational workshops throughout Texas to provide more information to producers and the extended agricultural community. SECO representatives will be on hand to answer questions and sign eligible producers up for free EARs.

For more information on how to sign up for this exciting new program or one of the workshops, please call: **(800) 732-1399**, or visit us online at: **www.seco.cpa.state.tx.us**

How can the agricultural community help?

If you belong to any one of these organizations, you can help spread the word about SECO's new Agricultural Technical Assistance Program:

- Conservation Districts
- Resource Conservation and Development Councils
- Farm Bureau
- Texas AgriLife Extension Service
- Any member of Texas' extended agricultural community

SECO can provide you with literature to distribute to interested producers in your area. As part of this program, EnSave will host training across Texas to certify local agricultural community members as EAR data collectors.

Data Collectors:

- Provide a critical service to help produce EARs;
- Are trained in a three-day intensive workshop that includes classroom time and field training;
- Earn a stipend for each site visit.
  Interested parties should call EnSave at: **(800) 732-1399**.